

REMARKS

In the last action, the examiner indicated that all of the claims were allowable. This application is suspended pending the outcome of the reexamination of US Patent No. 5,885,158. All of the new claims presented in this amendment are dependent claims. They are all supported in the specification as described below. Applicant requests that they be entered and allowed when the suspension is lifted.

The new claims include four sets of similar claims. First, claims 101-107 all depend directly or indirectly from allowable independent claim 88. Second, claims 108-114 all depend directly or indirectly from allowable independent claim 91. Third, claims 115-121 all depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 93. Fourth, claims 122-128 all depend directly or indirectly from allowable claim 98.

Claims 101-103, 108-110, 115-117, and 122-124 include limitations dealing with computer selection of groups of gaming terminals. Some of these claims define a user-operated input device that permits gaming terminal selection responsive to user-effected action. These limitations are very similar to those in patents that issued on applications having the same specification as the present application. For example, in US Patent No. RE37,885 E, claim 22 defines “preselecting less than all of the gaming devices interconnected by the computer network responsive to host-computer action...” And claim 10 describes preselecting “responsive to a user-effected action at the input device...”

Claims 104-105, 111-112, 118-119, and 125-126 all further define the notification device as a display or as a casino display. Support for these limitations is found in the application on page 38, about line 11, and on page 34, about line 26, among other places.

Claims 106-107, 113-114, 120-121, and 127-128 also further define the notification device and function. In these claims, notification relates to making a bonus pay and incrementing a credit meter. Support for these limitations is found, among other places, in Table 1, beginning on page 43 of the application.

Because all of these new limitations depend from allowable claims and are supported in the specification, applicant requests that they also be entered and allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

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